

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2703 – HB 3176

February 11, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class B misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, for a person who conducts open burning in a county where a political subdivision of the state has imposed mandatory or voluntary water restrictions. Creates a Class A misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine not to exceed \$5,000, for a person who conducts open burning in a county where a political subdivision of the state has imposed mandatory or voluntary water restrictions and where the fire escapes and burns adjacent property. Also prohibits the state forester from issuing burn permits in a county where a political subdivision of the state has imposed mandatory or voluntary water restrictions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.
- According to the Department of Agriculture, prohibiting the state forester from issuing burn permits in a county with water restrictions will not significantly change current practice and will not have a fiscal impact.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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